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**COUNTRY** : Bulgaria  
**SUBJECT** : Entry of Russian Families into Bulgaria  
**INFORMATION**  
**EVALUATION**  
**SOURCE**

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1. The number of persons involved in the influx of Russian families into Bulgaria exceeds 65,000, the majority of whom arrived without passports or travel documents.

2. Each person was, however, issued with a kind of pass stamped by the M.G.B., valid for entry into Bulgaria and indicating the place of destination.

3. Within twenty-four hours of arrival everyone had to report to the nearest Russian garrison headquarters, which supplied all the necessary cards and advised the M.G.B. of the names and numbers of the newly arrived persons.

4. The M.G.B. is allowed complete liberty of action by the Bulgarian Militia in so far as Soviet citizens are concerned.

5. In many cases it falls to the Militia to find billets for the Soviet immigrants, and to install them (forcibly if necessary) in private houses.

6. [redacted] Sofia and its suburbs, together with the villages of Bankya, Gorna-Banya and Ovtcha-Koupel are housing about 15,000 persons.

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7. Plovdiv, Karlovo, and the spas of ~~Resara~~,  
Tehopino and ~~Ladjans~~ are each housing about 5,000 persons;  
Sliven 7,000 and Varna and its suburbs, 8,000. The rest are  
scattered in other towns.

8. More than 15,000 of these persons are registered  
with the Ministry of Justice as applicants for Bulgarian citi-  
zenship. Approximately 3,500 have already become naturalized  
Bulgarian subjects and are awaiting the appearance of their  
names in the Bulgarian official Gazette in accordance with the  
old law.

9. All White Russians in Bulgaria who reassumed their  
former nationality are now forced to settle their affairs and  
return to the U.S.S.R. within six months. Many of them are  
working wholeheartedly with Soviet official organizations.

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